

REMARKS

Claims 1-6 were pending in the present application. Claims 1-4 have been amended in the expectation that the amendments will place this application in condition for allowance. New claim 7 has been added. The amendments do not introduce new matter within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. § 132. Accordingly, entry of the amendments is respectfully requested.

Claim 1 has been amended for clarity and both claims 1 and 7 add features regarding the end plates (60, 70), the anode plate (11), and the cathode plate (21). Support for the plates can be found on pages 2-4 of the specification and in Figures 1 and 2, for example. Further, "...both end plates..." on former line 6 of claim 1 has been amended to read: --...each of said end plates (60, 70)...-- and antecedent basis can be found in the added feature --...end plates (60, 70)...-- . In former line 7 of claim 1, "sides of which two circulative openings" has been amended to read: --...corner of which two circulative openings...-- and antecedent basis can be found in the added feature --...have four circulative openings at each corner...-- . The terminology "fan-shaped" in claim 1 has been amended to --triangle-shaped-- and is definite since the water flowing between two diagonally opposite positions will have a triangle-shape.

Claims 2-4 have been amended for clarity. New claim 7 is similar to amended claim 1 and is merely a re-write of claim 1.

Applicant submits that these amendments remove the bases for the rejection and place the claims in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, 2nd paragraph be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

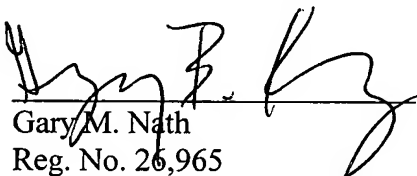
Based upon the above remarks, the presently claimed subject matter is believed to be novel and patentably distinguishable over the prior art of record. The Examiner is therefore respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejections of pending claims 1-7. Favorable action with an early allowance of the claims pending in this application is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is welcomed to telephone the undersigned attorney if he has any questions or comments.

Respectfully submitted,

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